

(iii) Local merchants and dealers in rice near the relief camps to be ready at all times with 20 or 30 bags of rice. Of course, money should be asked for only when there is actual necessity for it, and *not* for making preliminary precautionary preparations".

Hospitals of the State.

35. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the remarks made by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and non-officials in the visitors' books maintained at the Hospitals in Nemmara, Kunnamkulam and Nanniode during the last two years have been forwarded to the Government;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any urgent necessity for carrying out the improvements suggested;

(d) whether the public are not inconvenienced a good deal for want of proper facilities noted in the visitors' books;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the seriousness of the situation;

(f) is there any prospect of the defects being remedied in the near future;

(g) what approximately is the amount required to effect the improvements suggested;

(h) does the budget for 1933 include sufficient amount for this department to meet these necessities?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) They have been noted.

(c) Some of the items are urgent.

(d) In some cases slight inconvenience is caused.

(e) They know that these works have to be taken up as early as possible.

(f) Will depend on the budget provisions.

(g) Nemmara Hospital	Rs.	30,150
Kunnamkulam "	"	18,650
Nanniode Dispensary	"	9,000

Total	"	57,800
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(h) The member is referred to programme for 1933 of the P. W. D. under "Buildings Originals and Repairs".

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). May I know whether they have been noted as such, namely, that the remarks offered by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer were merely noted or they have been noted for the future action and consideration of the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It has been noted for future action and consideration by the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c). Could not the items which were very urgent have been attended to immediately without additional expenditure of money?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was not possible to do them without any extra expenditure.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were there not funds provided in the Budget of last year which could have been utilised for meeting some of the more urgent necessities?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There has been no lapse of any amount budgetted under any other head to be utilised for this.

The Nemmara Hospital.

36. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—

(a) What is the average attendance of patients (males, females and children), in Nemmara Hospital per month during the first 4 months of 1107;

(b) what is the necessity for a Sub-Assistant Surgeon now in service at the Nemmara Hospital;

(c) will the Government be adversely affected if a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon is substituted for him;

(d) is there sufficient scope for the two doctors now employed there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	(a) Chin- gam.	Kanni.	Thu- lam.	Vrischi- gam	Average during the 4 months.
Males	1,701	1,670	1,972	1,527	1,70,425
Females	1,232	1,297	1,714	1,340	1,39,575
Children	820	792	1,040	972	50,600

(b) The Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Nemmara Hospital has to render medical aid at Kairady dispensary twice a week. Then the Sub-Assistant Surgeon will be in charge of the Hospital. At other times he will be assisting the Assistant Surgeon.

(c) Yes. It will be more desirable to have a male Sub-Assistant Surgeon as the Assistant, since both sexes of patients will have to be attended to when the Assistant Surgeon is away at Kairady or on short leave.